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ARIZONA MAN SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING HUNDREDS OF POUNDS OF MARIJUANA

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Phoenix, Ariz., man was sentenced in federal court today for participating in a conspiracy to distribute hundreds of pounds of marijuana in central Missouri and Arizona. He is the fourth and final defendant to be sentenced in this case.

Kwan Sik Won, 43, of Phoenix, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to two years and six months in federal prison without parole.

On Nov. 4, 2003, **Won** pleaded guilty to participating in a conspiracy to distribute more than 100 kilograms of marijuana in Arizona and in Jasper, Miller and Morgan counties in Missouri from December 2001 to July 19, 2002.

Won is the last of four defendants who pleaded guilty and have been sentenced.

* **Gregory Paul Allen**, 47, of Barnett, Mo., was sentenced on Nov. 4, 2003, to two years and six months in federal prison without parole.

* **William A. Sanders**, 57, of Jonesburg, Mo., was sentenced on Aug. 8, 2003, to three years and one month in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Sanders** to pay a \$10,000 fine and to forfeit to the United States \$195,540 that was seized at the time of his arrest.

* **Angela R. Henry**, 27, of Mesa, Arizona, was sentenced on Aug. 1, 2003, to five years of probation.

On July 19, 2002, Graves said, a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper was driving an unmarked vehicle eastbound on Interstate 44 in Jasper County, Mo., when he came up behind a gold Dodge minivan being driven by **Henry**. Because the van appeared to be speeding, and there

were no uniformed patrol vehicles available, the trooper followed the van until it exited off I-44 at Highway 37 and drove to a gas station / convenience store.

The trooper approached the van, Graves said, and walked to the front passenger window since the driver had gone into the store. When the man rolled down his window, the trooper smelled a strong odor of what he believed to be marijuana, Graves said. The trooper then identified himself to **Henry** and to the passenger. Opening the back of the van, the trooper found 20 bundles of marijuana inside three boxes and four bags, which weighed approximately 337 pounds.

Graves explained that **Henry** agreed to make a controlled delivery of the marijuana to **Won**, who was staying at the Baymont Inn at the Lake of the Ozarks. On July 19, 2002, law enforcement officers accompanied her to the Lake of the Ozarks area, where she was followed by numerous police officers as she made the delivery. After meeting **Won** and **Sanders** at the hotel, they led **Henry** to **Allen's** residence in Barnett, Mo. Once they arrived at **Allen's** residence, officers converged on the location and arrested the defendants. Officers also located an additional 24 pounds of marijuana and approximately \$192,000 in **Allen's** garage.

Won admitted that **Henry** had earlier transported approximately 200 pounds of marijuana in the same manner – delivering it to **Won** and **Sanders** at the Baymont Inn then following them to **Allen's** residence – in December 2001.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence E. Miller. It was investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Missouri Highway Patrol, MUSTANG (Mid-Missouri Unified Strike Team And Narcotics Group), and the East Central Drug Task Force.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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